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WISCONSIN WOMEN'S COUNCIL HIRES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Madison - It was announced today that Christine Lidbury has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Wisconsin Women's Council.

Lidbury brings more than two decades of advocating for the social and economic status of women as well as more than a decade of high-level experience in public policy development and management to the job. "The Wisconsin Women's Council is charged with identifying the barriers that prevent women in Wisconsin from participating fully and equally in all aspects of life", said Kris Martinsek, Council Chair. "Christine Lidbury is the perfect choice to lead the agency, energize the Council and build bridges that will assure we accomplish our goals."

The common theme among Lidbury's diverse professional experiences is a commitment to excellence in the management and delivery of government services. She has worked for the Executive Office of the President, US Office of Management and Budget in DC, The Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development in Paris France, and the NYC Independent Budget Office, an independent city agency that serves as a source of expert, non-partisan analysis of New York's \$40 billion budget. She also has worked in volunteer and staff capacities with women's organizations, including developing legislative agendas and coordinating grassroots coalition building, and led a coalition that authored and oversaw passage of the Illinois Family and Medical Leave Act. She resides in Madison with her daughter and most recently worked as the assistant to the Rock County Administrator.

"This is a great opportunity for me to combine my professional and management experience with one of my personal passions, social and economic equality for women", said Lidbury. "I'm eager to get started and look forward to working with the members of the Wisconsin Women's Council." Christine received her Masters of Public Administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1991 and a bachelor's in Liberal Arts from Beloit College in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Women's Council consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor and Legislative leaders. It fulfills its mission by promoting initiatives that empower women through education and opportunity, serving as a clearinghouse for information on women's programs in Wisconsin and promoting unique partnerships to address issues affecting Wisconsin women. For more information on the Council, visit www.womenscouncil.wi.gov.

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